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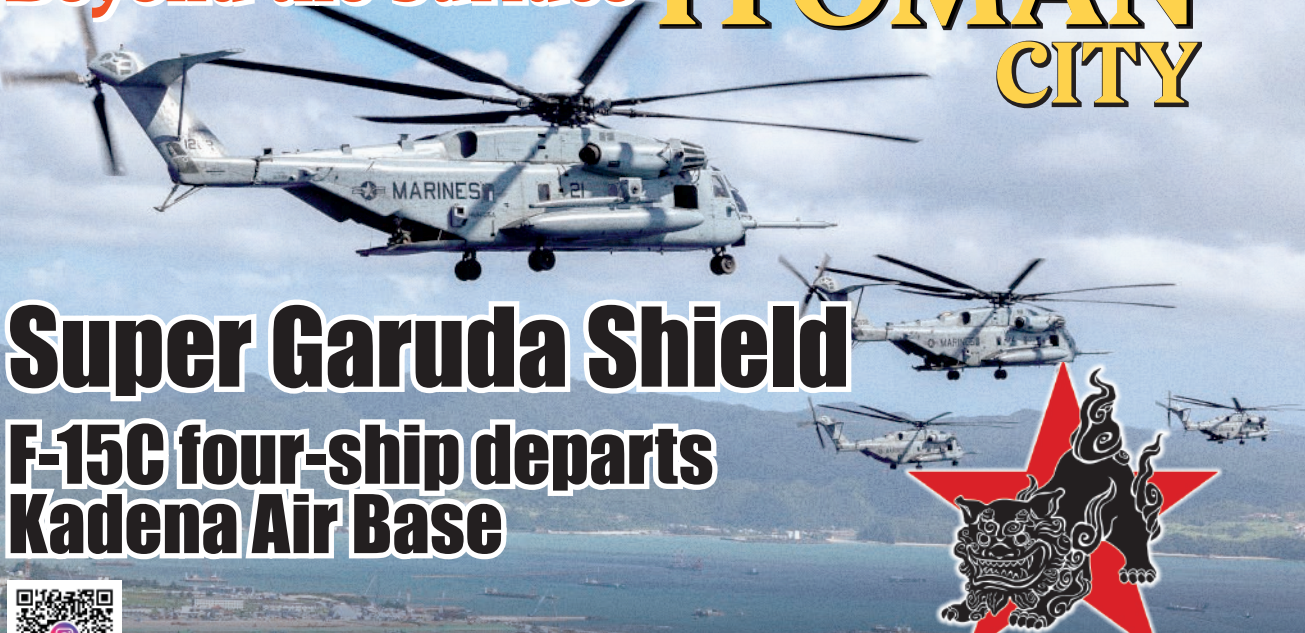
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*VOICE PAPER, features Okinawa local events, off-base places, U.S. Military activity news on the island and around the Asia-Pacific region.*



## Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment deploys to Middle East



(U.S. Army photos by Capt. Frank Spatt)

Lt. Col. RaShaun Warren, deputy commander of the 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, and leadership from 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, shake the hands of all the Soldiers of Bravo Battery and wish them luck before getting on a contracted aircraft taking them on a personnel only deployment to the United States Central Command area of responsibility, Aug. 19, Kadena Air Base. This deployment of personnel to USCENTCOM area of responsibility is in support of increasing readiness of land-based ballistic missile defense and deterring regional escalation from Iran or Iran's partners and proxies. The United States remains intently focused on de-escalating tensions in the region.

## MCIPAC Firefighters educate Okinawan locals on fire safety



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brody Robertson)

Firefighters with Marine Corps Installations Pacific, Fire and Emergency Services, teach students from the Okinawa Little Lingo Circle how to operate a fire hose during a fire station tour on Camp McTureous, Sept. 7. The Okinawa Little Lingo Circle visited the Camp McTureous fire station to learn English and the importance of fire safety.

## Senshu University Students Tour MCAS Futenma



Marines with Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and students from Senshu University pose for a group photo on MCAS Futenma, Aug. 29. MCAS Futenma officials gave a tour of the air station to Senshu University students to familiarize them with the flight line's frequent aerial activity and the impact it has for local community residents in Ginowan city.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Tatyana Barnett)

## Camp Foster Hosts the Summer English Program

U.S. Marines and students pose for a group photo during the Summer English Program on Camp Foster, Aug. 22. The annual weeklong program involves local high school students interacting with Marines in a cultural exchange while learning different ways to converse in English.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brody Robertson)

# Duty on the island

## 353 SOW conducts paratroop training

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cedrique Oldaker)

Pararescuemen assigned to the 320th Special Tactics Squadron perform paratroop training from an MC-130J Commando II over Okinawa, Aug. 23. Pararescuemen are trained, equipped and postured to conduct full spectrum personnel recovery operations in both peacetime and combat environments.

Cover photos  
From left photo - Fireworks / Naha Tug-of-war / Ryukyu Dance - courtesy photos  
Bottom photo - U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Kyle Chan

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## KADENA

### Noguni Soukan Festival



Oct 5  
Oct 6



## URUMA

### Uruma Festival



Oct 12  
Oct 13



## TOMIGUSUKU



### Tomigusuku Festival & City Industrial Festival

Oct 19 & 20



## YOMITAN



### Yomitani Festival

Oct 26 & 27



## URASOE



### Tedako Pocket Festa Tedako Festival

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## NAHA

### Naha Great Tug-of-War Festival



### Tug-of-War/ Flag Bearers Parade

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Tenpusu Naha

### RBC Naha Citizens' Festival

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## NAHA

### Okinawa Industrial Festival



The "Okinawa Industrial Festival" is an event aimed at introducing and promoting local industries in Okinawa Prefecture. This festival brings together various industries and companies from within Okinawa, providing them with an opportunity to showcase and sell their products, technologies, and services. Around 270 companies from a wide range of industries, including food, crafts, tourism, IT, and agriculture, participate in this event.



Oct 25  
Oct 26  
Oct 27

## ONNA

### Unna Festival

Oct 12  
Oct 13



## NAHA

### 10,000 Eisa Dancers Parade

Oct 20



## OKINAWA

### Shio-no-mori Fireworks & Okinawa City Eastern Festival

Oct 20



## GINOWAN

### Ginowan City Youth Eisa Festival

Oct 19  
Oct 20





# F-15C four-ship departs Kadena Air Base for divestment

Story by 1st Lt. Mary Turpin  
Photos by Airman 1st Class Edward Yankus  
18th Wing Public Affairs



A 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintainer marshals an F-15C Eagle before its divestment flight at Kadena Air Base, Aug. 24.



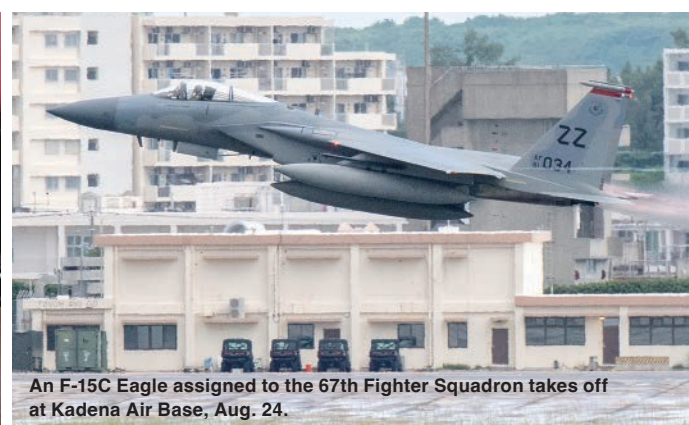
Maj. Robert Oehmke, 104th Operations Group chief of standards and evaluations, gets assistance in putting on flight gear before an F-15C Eagle divestment flight and retirement at Kadena Air Base, Aug. 24.



Two helmets along with oxygen mask parts sit on a table in the 67th Fighter Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment shop at Kadena Air Base, Aug. 24.



Maj. Peter Gawor, left, 67th Fighter Squadron director of operations, briefs pilots on the divestment flight at Kadena Air Base, Aug. 24.



An F-15C Eagle assigned to the 67th Fighter Squadron takes off at Kadena Air Base, Aug. 24.

**KADENA AIR BASE** – A four-ship of F-15C Eagles departed Kadena Air Base as part of a large-scale divestment plan to modernize the base’s capabilities, Aug. 24, 2024.

The four-ship’s departure marks just one milestone on the road to replacing the F-15C Eagles and ushering in a new era of air superiority with the F-15EX Eagle IIs.

The four pilots were Maj. Celestino Aguon, 18th Wing chief of advanced programs; Maj. Alexander Frank, 18th Operations Group chief of fighter standards and evaluations; Maj. Robert Oehmke, 104th Operations Group chief of standards and evaluations; and 1st Lt. Claire Carey, 131st Fighter Squadron assistant chief of scheduling.

While the aircraft that departed are headed to either the

“boneyard” or to be used at other Air Force units, their impact and legacy will continue to resonate. The F-15C Eagles have a long and storied heritage, both at Kadena Air Base and in the U.S. Air Force at large.

“It’s a legacy fourth generation fighter that’s at one of the most critical bases,” said Carey. “It’s an honor to serve at one of the most important bases in the Pacific, flying one of the most iconic aircraft in the Air Force.”

Combat capable since September of 1975, the “Eagles” have an impressive record of over 100 wins and zero losses in aerial combat.

While Kadena prepares for the incoming F-15EX Eagle IIs, the base is hosting multiple deployed fighter units that are helping bolster the keystone of the Pacific during this transition time.

“The deployed units here are very important,” said U.S. Air Force SSgt. Evan Schneider, dedicated F-15C crew chief. “These deployed units are filling the gaps [between the F-15C and F-15EX]. While we’re focusing on the divestment, the deployed units are maintaining security in the AOR.”

The final flight of the remaining F-15C Eagles out of Kadena is yet to be determined. Maj. Peter Gawor, director of operations, 67th Fighter Squadron, reflected on what the F-15EX will bring to the future fight, but also on the importance of the F-15C’s legacy.

“The F-15EX will be a new platform with new capabilities. It will give us an incredible edge,” said Gawor. “But it will still maintain the F-15 heritage while simultaneously projecting air superiority in the Pacific region.”

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## Provost Marshals Office Lance Cpl. Juarez, awarded Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal for saving an infant

Story by Lance Cpl. Brody Robertson  
Marine Corps Installations Pacific

CAMP KINSER – On May 5th, Juarez responded to a call involving a choking child, as he arrived on the scene Juarez immediately began checking the child's airway for any obstructions and checking the pulse for a heartbeat.

"It was (the) night shift and dispatch indicated the call as an infant choking, I responded as fast as I could," said Juarez. "When I got on scene, the father was frantic and holding a child. I immediately started checking for a pulse, checking for airways. I checked his heartbeat again, the heartbeat was gone, and so that's when I started CPR, trying to bring his heartbeat back."

Juarez provided CPR for five minutes, providing the necessary time for EMS to arrive on the scene and provide the higher echelon of care, saving the child's life.

"Our training battalion is very adamant on training us in every single little detail," said Juarez.

"Thankfully, we recently went over CPR and lifesaving steps, so it was very fresh in the mind."

Staff Sgt. Artyom Artemenko, the senior non-commissioned officer in charge of the PMO on Camp Kinser, H&S Bn, MCIPAC, said that at the time of the event Juarez had been filling the role of a watch commander, which is usually held by an NCO.

"He's doing well and it showed in this situation where he did all the work that involves lifesaving steps, and that's what you expect out of your Marines," said Artemenko. "This situation merited that we recognize him for all his efforts, and this is just one thing that we can do for him to show our appreciation and essentially show all the Marines that the things that they are doing here don't go unnoticed, even if it's your simple duties, like you do every single day, you will be recognized, and you are making a big difference in the community."

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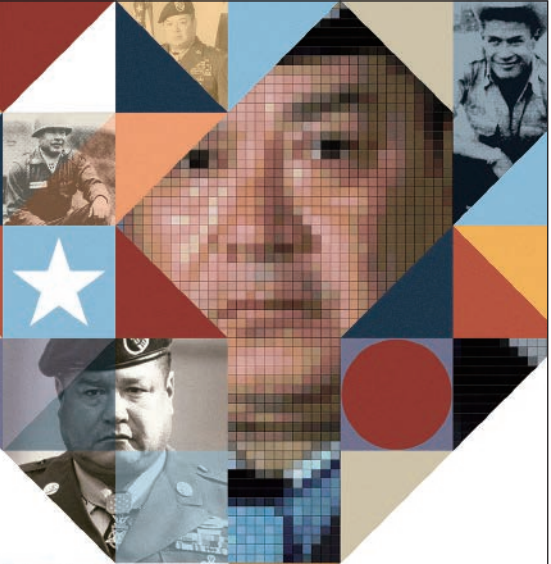
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Here is a list of political activities uniformed service members can and cannot do. For a full list of political activities service members and federal employees may participate in, visit: [www.fvap.gov/info/laws/political-activities](http://www.fvap.gov/info/laws/political-activities)

**CAN**

- Register to vote, vote, and encourage others to vote
- Express *personal* opinions on political candidates and issues
- Attend partisan and non-partisan political events as a spectator during off-duty hours, **out of uniform**
- Donate money to a political party, candidate, organization or committee
- Display one, non-offensive bumper sticker on your personally owned vehicle

**CANNOT**

- Attend a political event in uniform whether it's partisan or nonpartisan
- Make derogatory statements about elected officials and/or DOD/DAF leadership
- Organize, lead, sponsor or speak at partisan political events
- Engage in partisan political fundraising activities -except as a donor
- Display any type of partisan political signage, banners, posters or the like (ie: flags/yard signs) in your office, work area, or on-base residence (including privatized housing)

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People looking for a reliable product to protect their pets or family members against viral infections should take a close look at the “Aqua-X” line. For example, the Pet Box Chatan store, the distributor of Aqua-X, uses it to deodorize and disinfect its premises.

For 25 years, the company “Antimicrobial Meister Co.” has developed antimicrobial agents at its Niigata Prefecture factory and is making various products using these agents. Wholesalers specializing in Japanese public offices also deal with the company's products, which many municipalities use for disaster countermeasure crisis management, as they are known for their reliability and durability. The most crucial point is the shelf life. While many alcohol-based disinfectants have a three-year shelf life and lose effectiveness when exposed to heat, this product has no shelf-life limit and does not change its

**Antimicrobial Meister Co.'s motto: Clean is Safe!**



effectiveness when heated or cooled.

Cleaning sprays are popular because they can sterilize and eliminate various bacteria, such as the embellished virus, canine parvovirus, E. coli, and various types of molds. “Deodorizing Spray” and “Deodorizing Spray for Toilet” are products that also remove odors.

The products are sold at the Pet Box Chatan store. Before the coming cold weather season and because of the concern about the spread of viruses, it is important to find reliable antibacterial and disinfectant products.

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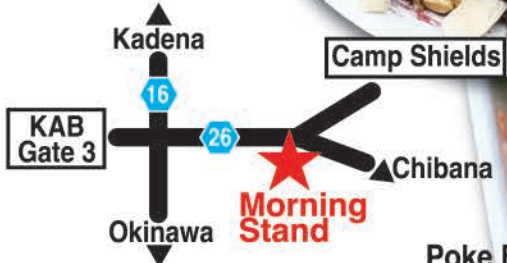
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# Super Garuda Shield 2024 Uniting Forces at the Joint Operations Center

Story by Cpl. Isaac Copeland  
25th Infantry Division



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Ryan Hageali)



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Orlando Corpuz)



(U.S. Army photos by Spc. Evangelos Wilson)

**U.S. Navy Adm. Samuel Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, General Agus Subiyanto, commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces, and leaders from Indonesian National Armed Forces watch a live fire display during Super Garuda Shield 2024 at Puslatpur 5, Indonesia, Aug. 31.**

**TOP LEFT Multinational service members participate in a rehearsal of concept brief during Super Garuda Shield 2024 near Surabaya, Indonesia, Aug. 30**

**TOP RIGHT Multinational service members gather for a meeting during a staff exercise (STAFFEX), Aug. 29, Surabaya, Indonesia. The STAFFEX is part of Exercise Super Garuda Shield 2024, an Indonesia-led exercise intended to increase military interoperability between participating allies and partners, the United States military and the Indonesian Armed Forces.**

**PUSLATPUR 5, Indonesia** – Super Garuda Shield 2024, a multinational military exercise, has united armed forces from multiple nations, highlighting the strength of international partnerships and the importance of joint operational readiness. The Joint Operations Center (JOC) is central to this effort, a command post where seamless coordination across land, air, and sea domains takes place, emphasizing interoperability and multi-domain warfare.

The Garuda Shield exercise has evolved from a longstanding U.S.-Indonesia bilateral exercise into Super Garuda Shield, a combined joint multilateral exercise. Running from Aug. 26 to Sept. 6, in East Java, Indonesia,

it involves Indonesia, the United States, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, France, Brazil, Brunei, India, South Korea, New Zealand, and Thailand.

The JOC plays a critical role in the exercise by facilitating rapid information sharing and decision-making across multinational forces. U.S. Army Capt. Gene Maslink, the combined task force battle captain from the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, described it as “a command post that coordinates the air, sea, and land domains of warfare.”

Maslink highlighted the JOC’s strength in integrating multinational partners, including

battle captains, liaison officers, intelligence analysts, and logistics planners.

Super Garuda Shield 2024 focuses on enhancing interoperability among partner forces, allowing them to operate cohesively across multiple domains. This exercise demonstrates how different branches and nations can synchronize efforts in a complex, multi-domain environment. Maslink noted that “Exercise Joint Strike,” which utilized intelligence assets from the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and Indonesia National Armed Forces, showcased the task force’s ability to engage targets and demonstrate combined capabilities rapidly.

Japan’s participation, represented by Japan Self-Defense



**U.S. Army Soldiers from the Alpha Company, 29th Engineer Brigade, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team pose for a photo with members of the Indonesian National Armed Forces and Australian Defence Force during a joint training exercise, Aug. 30.**

(U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Melanie Tolen)

Force Maj. Atsushi Mori, underscores the collaborative nature of the exercise.

“It’s essential to strengthen cooperation with partners and like-minded countries,” Mori said, emphasizing the JOC’s role in deepening mutual understanding and fostering a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The exercise includes a range of operational scenarios including jungle training exercises to amphibious raids exercises, reflecting the diverse nature of military operations in the Indo-Pacific. The JOC’s ability to

coordinate such operations in a combined joint and multilateral context is indispensable.

Mori added, “We are in the JOC to solve problems for training and reduce friction on site rapidly, with an emphasis on mutual understanding and synchronization.”

As the exercise progresses, it will serve as a critical platform for the U.S., Indonesia, and partner nations to enhance collective security capabilities. The JOC remains a symbol of unity and collaboration, with the relationships and procedures established here improving the effectiveness of this

exercise and laying the groundwork for future operations. This joint effort ensures that participating nations are better prepared for the challenges of an increasingly complex global environment.

Super Garuda Shield 2024 is a testament to enduring partnerships. Maslink said, “We’ve learned a lot from each other so far, and we’ve established enduring communication systems and operational procedures to enhance our partnership. Each exercise we conduct continues to build trust and readiness between our forces.”



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Ryan Hageali)

**U.S. Army Maj. John Myers, left, a general surgeon attached to the 250th Forward Resuscitative Surgical Detachment, 29th Hospital Center, 62nd Medical Brigade, writes casualty information during a mass casualty training event as part of Super Garuda Shield 2024 near Probolinggo, Indonesia, Aug. 23**



(U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Mariah Aguilar)

**A member of the Canadian Armed Forces hands a bag to an Indonesian woman during a medical engagement led by the Indonesia National Armed Forces during Super Garuda Shield 2024 at Puslatpur 5, Indonesia, Sept. 5.**



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Migel A. Reynosa)

**U.S. Navy Seaman Tucker Peine, a hospital corpsman with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, holds security next to a member of the Indonesian National Armed Forces, during an amphibious assault exercise as part of Super Garuda Shield 2024 near Banongan, Indonesia, Sept. 5**



(U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alyssa Blom)

**U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Carter, construction engineering supervisor with the 610th Engineer Support Company, 864th Engineering Battalion, paints during the renovation of an elementary school located in Palangan, East Java, Indonesia as a part of Super Garuda Shield, on Aug. 27.**



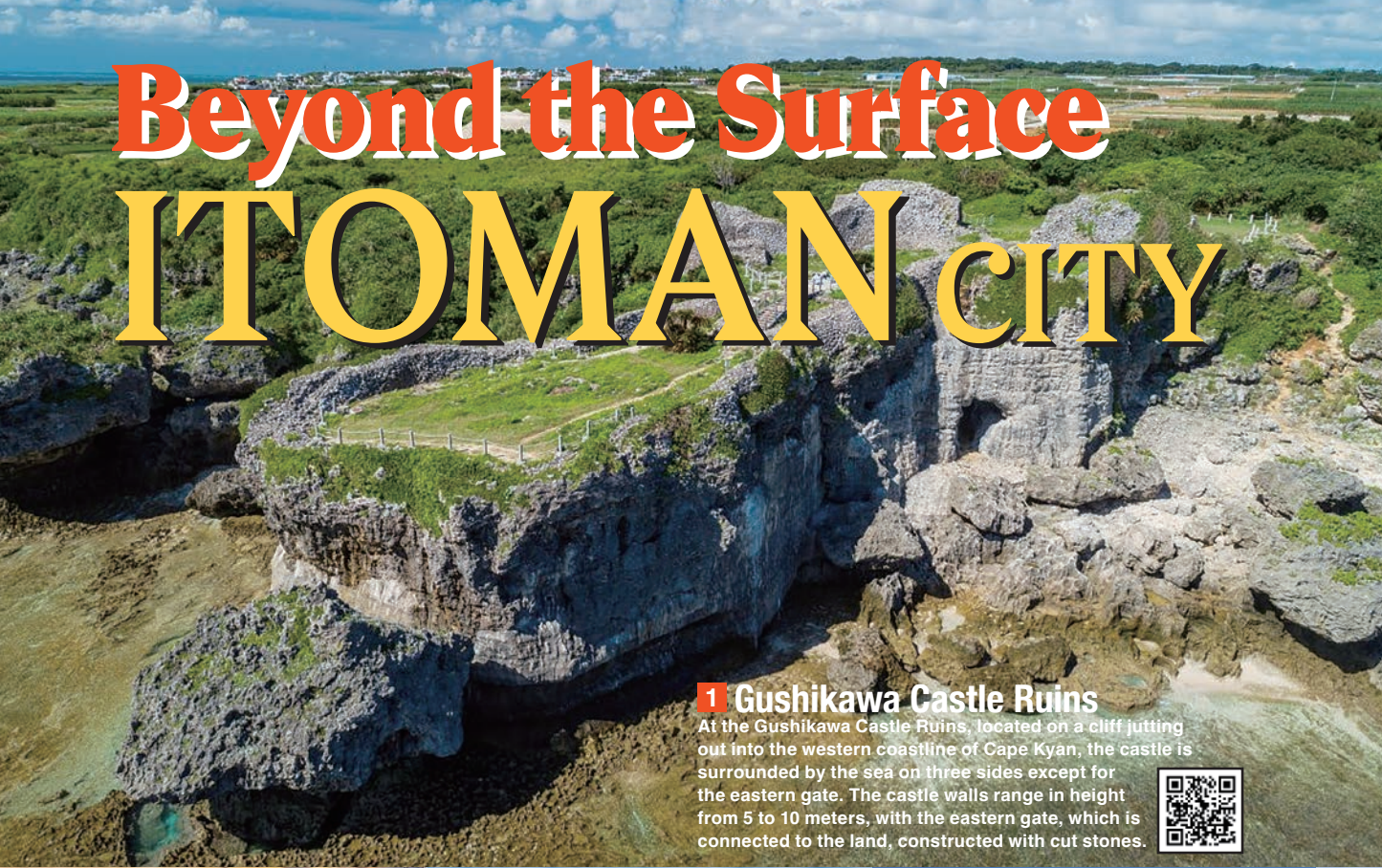
(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Migel A. Reynosa)

**U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Samuel Lang, a mortarman with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, holds security outside an MV-22B Osprey assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268 (Reinforced), Marine Rotational Force – Darwin 24.3, during on and off drills as part of Super Garuda Shield 2024 at Juanda International Airport, East Java, Indonesia, Aug. 30.**



# Beyond the Surface

# ITOMAN CITY



## 1 Gushikawa Castle Ruins

At the Gushikawa Castle Ruins, located on a cliff jutting out into the western coastline of Cape Kyan, the castle is surrounded by the sea on three sides except for the eastern gate. The castle walls range in height from 5 to 10 meters, with the eastern gate, which is connected to the land, constructed with cut stones.



Itoman City, which has flourished as a town of fishermen since ancient times, still retains a strong presence of traditional culture and events based on the lunar calendar. The city is also home to Gusuku (castles) and war sites.



## 2 Roadside Station Itoman

There are four facilities: 'JA Farmers Market,' 'Fish Center,' 'Itoman City Product Center,' and 'Yakiniku Bannai,' where you can purchase fresh vegetables and fish delivered every morning.



## 6 Okinawa Peace Memorial Park



## 7 Lt. Gen. Buckner Memorial



## 8 Odo Park and Coast (John Manjiro Landing Place)



## 3 Kukuru Itoman



## 4 Ryukyu Glass Village



## 5 Yoza Gaa (wellspring)



## Where to eat



## 9 ITOMAN DOG



## 10 HISTORY CAFE



## 11 WARREN'S PLACE 2.2 BURGER





# B-2 Spirit joins forces with JASDF F-35s for the first time

Story by Master Sgt. Kenneth W. Norman  
Photo by Senior Airman Samantha White  
Pacific Air Forces



A USAF B-2 Spirit stealth bomber and four JASDF F-35A Lightning IIs, fly in formation over the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility, Sept. 10.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE AMBERLEY, Australia – For the first time ever, a B-2 Spirit from the 110th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, launched from Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley in Australia and rendezvoused with Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-35A Lightning IIs as part of ongoing Bomber Task Force operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

During the mission, the B-2 and F-35 pilots conducted integration and aerial refueling operations.

“The opportunity to integrate our B-2 Spirit pilots with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force 5th generation aircraft is a significant milestone for our bilateral integration operations,” said Lt. Col. Justin Meyer, 110th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander. “The

advanced capabilities of these aircraft, combined with the strategic prowess of the B-2, enhance our collective readiness and interoperability. This collaboration not only strengthens our defense posture but also underscores our commitment to maintaining peace and stability in the region.”

The B-2s from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, have been conducting BTF operations in the Indo-Pacific region for about three weeks.

Bomber missions such as this demonstrate the credibility of U.S. forces to address a complex and uncertain security environment. These operations showcase the United States’ commitment to train alongside allies and partners in order to build interoperability and bolster a collective ability to support a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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## VERSES FROM THE HOLY QUR'AN

With The Name of The One True \*G-D,  
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**Al Ankabut (The Spider)**

And do not dispute with the People of the former Revelations (*Torah and Gospel*), except with better means (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (with violence);

But say (to them), “we believe in the Revelation which has come down to us, and in that which came down to you; our G-D and your G-D is **ONE** (and the same); and it is to HIM we bow (in submission).

And thus (it is) that WE have sent down (this) Revelation (Qur'an) to you. So the People of the Former Revelation (Torah and Gospel) believe therein, as also do some of these (pagan Arabs): and none but the Ungodly reject OUR Messages.

And you were not (able) to read a Book before this (Revelation came), nor are you (able) to write it with your right hand: in that case, indeed, would the talkers of vanities have doubted.

No, here are Messages self-evident in the hearts of those endowed with knowledge and none but the unrighteous reject OUR Messages.

Yet they say: “Why are not Messages sent down to him from his Lord-Creator?” Say (to them) “The Messages are indeed with G-D: and I am indeed a Clear warner.

\*G-D instead of God. God when spelt backwards is *dog*. This is not a proper spelling for a word, that is used for The All-Mighty Creator of the Heavens and Earth.

\*\* WE, Ourselves, US as revealed in the Qur'an is a reference to the Angels who have been assigned by The Creator to control everything in HIS creation.



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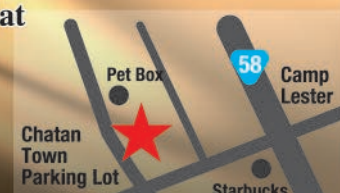
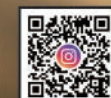
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# US Army and US Air Force convene at Agile Combat Employment Summit

Story by Staff Sgt. Andre Taylor  
Photo by 1st Lt. David Kim  
US Army Pacific Public Affairs Office

**Fort Shafter, Hawaii** – The Agile Combat Employment Summit brings together Army and Air Force leaders to discuss strategies and best practices for achieving ACE objectives, fostering greater interoperability and integration among the U.S. Army and Air Force units in the Indo-Pacific region on Sept. 3.

U.S. Army Pacific Commanding General Gen. Charles A. Flynn and U.S. Air Force Pacific Commanding General of Pacific Air Forces, Gen. Kevin B. Schneider, co-hosted the summit.

The ACE conference brought

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon flies by one of the Long Range Hypersonic Weapon Transporter Erector Launchers assigned to Bravo Battery, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, Long Range Fires Battalion, 1st Multi-Domain Task Force, participating in exercise Bamboo Eagle 24-3 on Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Aug. 3

together key military leaders and experts to discuss strategies and best practices for achieving ACE objectives, fostering greater interoperability and integration among the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force units in the Indo-Pacific region.

The event began with opening remarks from Flynn thanking those in attendance.

“I Just want to say that I am thankful for the opportunity to discuss warfighting and potential collaborations between our services,” said Flynn “It would be irresponsible not to seize the opportunities that can address our strategic challenges.”

ACE is a strategic initiative aimed at enhancing the U.S. military’s joint force ability to rapidly deploy and integrate forces across various domains. This approach focuses on increasing operational flexibility and resilience, enabling forces to respond swiftly to emerging threats and dynamic environments.

By delving into essential warfighting functions such as sustainment, protection, command and control (C2), and fires, the summit aims to enhance the long-range capabilities of the Multi-Domain Task Force.

“I believe it’s about closer alignment and understanding of the myriad problems we face and how we solve them. It’s about integrating our capabilities by understanding what each of us brings to the fight,” said Schneider U.S. Army Pacific Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. James B. Bartholomees shared his insight on the ACE concept through his experience.

“The ACE Concept is the United States Air Force concept for Agile Combat Employment, which is the employment of their aircraft in a dispersed fashion to maintain survivability in order to prepare for future operations,” said Bartholomees. “The reason why we came together with Pacific Air Forces is so that we can combine the best elements of multi-domain operations and ACE of air and land forces to achieve combined effects.”

The theater Army derives its mission requirements from the joint force, ensuring a cohesive and unified approach to defense in the Indo-Pacific Region. One of the pivotal contributors to this synergy is the Air Force, which spearheads the ACE concept.

With the ACE concept, the summit will set the stage, focusing on how the Air Force and Army are refining new standards

for how operational capabilities are being employed in the Pacific theater and how the Army is poised to support and enhance these efforts, ensuring joint-force capabilities remain effective and adaptable.

Schneider emphasized how land and air components capabilities can be used together to help create a synergy when combined properly.

“We have complementary capabilities, and I believe this conference went a long way in helping us identify those capabilities,” said Schneider. This enables us to continue teaming up and combining our strengths as a joint force.”

The efforts and collaborative ideas here ensure that joint forces are better prepared, more resilient, and capable of responding swiftly to any threats, strengthening security in the region.

The event wrapped up with

the Army and Air Force coming together to draft a memorandum of understanding. This key document sets the stage for ongoing collaboration in planning for ACE, MDO, and ensuring these strategies are seamlessly integrated into operational plans fulfilling the Army and Air Force roles in the Pacific Theater.

“There are three steps we will take as a result of this summit. First, we will work on merging our operational concepts of ACE and MDO. Second, we have decided to identify exercises in the region to rehearse the mechanics of air and land power converging to support joint power,” said Flynn. “Third, we agree to hold this summit every six months to learn, grow, succeed, develop, and create synergy between air and land domain capabilities to support air, cyber, space, and maritime operations within the joint force.”

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## USAF, RAAF and PNGDF training efforts culminate with aeromedical evacuation FTX during Pac Angel 24-1



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. DeAndre Curtiss)

U.S. Air Force and Papua New Guinea Defence Force aeromedical evacuation personnel remove a simulated casualty from a PNGDF PAC-750 during Pacific Angel 24-1 at Lae, Papua New Guinea, Aug. 29, 2024. U.S. Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force and Papua New Guinea Defence Force personnel culminated three days of aeromedical evacuation training and subject matter expert exchanges with a field training exercise. Pacific Angel is a series of joint, combined, and bilateral humanitarian response exercises that supports the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives, U.S. Pacific Air Forces strategy and respective U.S. Embassy Strategic Engagement objectives.

## ROK, US Recon, UK Commandos Conduct Training in South Korea



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Joseph Helms)

A U.S. Marine assigned to Reconnaissance Company, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, watches the sunset from the back of an MV-22B Osprey attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165 (Rein.), 15th MEU, following the completion of training with Republic of Korea Navy SEALs, ROK Marines assigned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st ROK Marine Division, and U.K. Royal Marine Commandos assigned to 40 Commando, at Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex, South Korea, Aug. 29, as part of exercise Ssang Yong 24. Exercise SY24 strengthens the ROK-U.S. Alliance and partnership with the UK through combined, joint training, contributing toward combined amphibious capability in defense of the Korean Peninsula and regional security.

## Indo-Pacific rotational Forces strengthen operations in India



(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Natasha Stannard)

A 148th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off during Tarang Shakti-24 at Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan, India, Sept. 5. The 148th is a U.S. Air Guard unit based out of Duluth, Minnesota. The Guard unit is currently deployed to Kadena Air Base as a rotational force to amplify the asymmetric deterrence measures in the Indo-Pacific with partners and Allies like India.

## USS Ralph Johnson Conducts Replenishment at Sea



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jamaal Liddell)

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) sails behind the USNS Cesar Chavez (T-AKE-14) as the ship conducts a replenishment-at-sea in the East China Sea, Aug. 23. Ralph Johnson is forward deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet's principal surface force.

## USS America (LHA 6) Conducts Flight Operations



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Bakerian)

A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) takes off from the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) while conducting routine operations in the Philippine Sea, Sept. 9.

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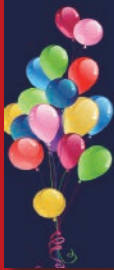


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